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REMARKS

The Advisory Action indicates that the Amendment after Final Action dated August 11, 2005 overcame the rejection with respect to independent Claim 17, and presumably dependent Claims 18-23 as well. Since Claims 8, 9, 24 and 25 were previously allowed, independent Claim 1 and dependent Claims 2-7, 10 and 11 remain the only claims that stand rejected as the Advisory Action maintained the previous rejection of these claims.

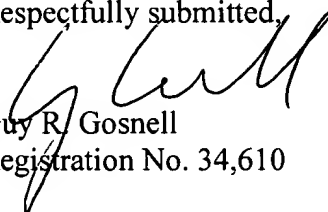
By means of this Supplemental Amendment, independent Claim 1 and dependent Claim 7 have been canceled, as well as Claims 27 and 28 that were newly added in the Amendment after Final Action. The other claims (Claims 2-6, 10 and 11) that previously depended from independent Claim 1 have now been amended so as to depend from independent Claim 8. As independent Claim 8 has been allowed, dependent Claims 2-6, 10 and 11 should likewise be allowable for at least the same reasons.

As each of the claims that remain in the present application have either been already allowed or depend from a claim that has already been allowed, Applicants submit that all of the claims are in condition for immediate allowance. Moreover, Applicants submit that the foregoing amendments do not raise new issues and should be entered and considered at this stage of prosecution since the amendments merely cancel some of the rejected claims and amend the other rejected claims to depend from a previously allowed claim. It is therefore respectfully requested that a Notice of Allowance be issued. The Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to resolve any remaining issues in order to expedite examination of the present application.

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It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

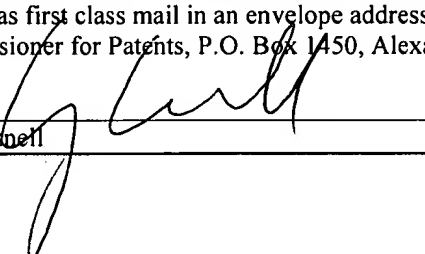
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